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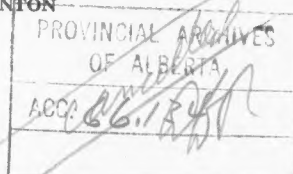
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PRAYER

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world; we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this Diocese now (about to be) assembled in Thy name. Vouchsafe of Thy great mercy so to direct, govern and sanctify them in their important work by Thy Holy Spirit, that, through Thy blessing on their deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained and handed down unimpaired to those who shall come after us. Grant this, we beseech Thee, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MID-DAY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

"And I, if I lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

BLESSED SAVIOUR, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

"At mid-day, O King, I saw a light above the brightness of the sun."

ALMIGHTY SAVIOUR, who at mid-day didst call Thy servant Saint Paul, to be an Apostle to the Gentiles; we beseech Thee illumine the world with the radiance of Thy glory, that all nations may come and worship Thee, Who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

"Peter went up upon the house-top to pray about the sixth hour."

FATHER OF MERCIES, Who to Thine Apostle, Saint Peter, didst reveal in three-fold vision Thy boundless compassion; Forgive, we pray Thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts and enkindle our zeal that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and with more ready diligence labour in the extension of Thy Kingdom; for His sake who gave Himself for the life of the world, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIST OF CLERGY AND LAY WORKERS

THE RIGHT REV. EDWIN FREDERICK ROBINS, D.D., Bishop's House, Peace River.

CLERGY

THE VEN. ARCHDEACON ALFRED SPEECHLY WHITE, St. John, Wabasca.

THE REV. CANON WILLIAM GROVE WHITE, St. Mark, High Prairie.

THE REV. JOHN A. BURNES, B.A., St. Andrew, Lake Saskatoon.

THE REV. JOHN WHEELER HOUSE, B.A., L.Th., West Peace River District, Griffin Creek P.O.

THE REV. ROBERT LITTLE, Christ Church, Grande Prairie.

THE REV. W. MINSHAW, St. James, Peace River.

THE REV. WILLIAM CHARLES PEARSON, B.A., L.Th., Athabasca South, Colinton P.O.

THE REV. CLIVE HENRY QUARTERMAN, St. Mark, Appleton, Beaver Lodge P.O.

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MR. FRANK FORD, K.C., Edmonton.

AUDITOR

MR. NORMAN SOARS, Peace River.

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THE WIVES OF THE CLERGY.

MISS COX, St. Andrew's School, Whitefish Lake.

MISS MASTERS, St. John's School, Wabasca.

MISS MOXON, St. John's School, Wabasca.

MISS MELLOR, St. Peter's School, Lesser Slave Lake.

MRS. SCHOFIELD, St. Andrew's School, White Fish Lake.

MISS SLADE, St. Barnabas' School, Stoney Point, Fort Vermilion.

Proceedings of the Eleventh Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca

Held at St. Andrew's Mission, Lake Saskatoon, Alberta,
July 25, 26, 27, 28, 1921.

Monday, July 25th. The Sessions of the Synod were opened by a Service of Holy Communion, celebrated by the Bishop at 10.30 a.m., the Synod Sermon being preached by the Ven. Archdeacon A. S. White. The Rev. J. A. Burness, Incumbent; Rev. R. Little, Chaplain; and the Rev. Canon White, assisted in the service.

At 2.30 p.m. the attending members assembled in the Church House. There were present: The Right Rev. Edwin Frederick Robins, D.D., Bishop (in the chair); Ven. Archdeacon A. S. White, St. John's, Wabasca; Chancellor A. U. G. Bury; Rev. Canon W. G. White, High Prairie; Rev. R. Little, Grande Prairie; Rev. W. H. Trickett, Waterhole; Rev. C. H. Quarterman, Appleton; Rev. W. Minshaw, Peace River; Rev. J. A. Burness, Lake Saskatoon; Rev. J. W. House, Griffin Creek; Rev. C. F. Washburn, Athabasca; Major H. Watts, Grande Prairie; Mr. J. Rennison, Athabasca; Mr. C. D. White, Whitefish Lake; Mr. S. Lowe, Lake Saskatoon; Mr. F. Bredin, Holy Trinity, Bear Lake; and Mr. C. McNaught, Appleton.

The following were unable to be present: Rev. R. E. Randall, Fort Vermilion; Rev. W. C. Pearson, Colinton; Mr. M. Levason, Lesser Slave Lake; Mr. F. Ford, K.C., Registrar; Mr. J. A. Bettenson, Griffin Creek; Mr. Bedson, Spirit River; and Mr. R. P. Butler, Peace River.

The opening prayer was offered by the Bishop, who then read his Charge.

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity, I welcome you to this Eleventh Meeting of the Synod of the Diocese.

We meet in a part of the Diocese, particularly reminiscent of change. Thirty years ago, the teepees of the Beaver Indians, some hundreds in number, were almost the only dwellings of men. Neither house, shack nor barn of settler could have been seen here. About that time an epidemic of fatal sickness broke out. The survivors moved off the ever beautiful and attractive prairie, and it began to engage the attention of farmers.

Twelve years have passed away since the late Bishop Holmes decided to establish a mission here. It was no light undertaking owing to the great distance from town or railway, and the diversified character of the country through which it was necessary to travel after leaving Edmonton, until the prairie was reached on which we now assemble. Unbroken then, it is now giving evidence everywhere of the great labours of many men and women, who have established the homes from which the boys and girls proceed to their schools.

The whole diocese is still not far from its pioneer beginnings, but there is abundant reason to anticipate, that, as the Dominion recovers from the effects of the Great War, more and more railways will be constructed in the diocese, in which this prairie will experience no neglected part.

Almost five years have elapsed since we met in Synod. This long interval resulted from several causes. In the last two years of the war it was inopportune to meet.

Then came my appointment by the Primate representing the General Synod, to proceed to England by February, 1919, to assist the Church Missionary Society in raising their Thankoffering Fund. This was accomplished, but owing to conditions which prevailed there, it required much time. Illness, too, prolonged my absence.

The Lambeth Conference followed in 1920, my attendance at which you all advised. I returned to the Diocese immediately afterwards.

CHANGES IN STAFF

We welcome the return of the Rev. W. H. Trickett, whose earlier connection with the diocese makes his coming the more acceptable.

Other Clergy received are the Reverends J. W. Thomson, J. A. Burness, C. F. Washburn, W. C. Pearson, J. W. House.

We have lost the valuable services of the Reverends S. B. Baron and F. V. Abbott, in both cases for reasons of health.

The former rendered five years of faithful service at Athabasca Landing, and was Secretary of the Diocesan Executive Committee before returning to England.

Mr. Abbott devoted seven years in the diocese, and then proceeded to British Columbia.

The Rev. J. H. Atkinson left recently for Edmonton Diocese after working three years in part of the West Peace River Mission.

Another, whose honoured name will long be remembered at Fort Vermilion and Lesser Slave Lake, is the late Venerable Malcolm Scott, formerly Archdeacon of the diocese. His heroic and consecrated ministry to the Indians was much blessed. In it he was strengthened by the gentle and loving help of the late Mrs. Scott.

The Rev. Canon F. C. Smith, whose return to England after three years of active service on this Prairie, was referred to at the last meeting of the Synod, passed away after a serious operation rather more than a year ago.

Mrs. C. D. White, after many years of faithful and efficient service retired from the Matronship of Whitefish Lake Indian Boarding School.

Miss Millen is enjoying a needed and well-earned rest after many years of self-denying life in the Indian Boarding Schools.

Chancellor Mount resigned in 1917 and sailed for England to assist in war work.

Colonel Wroughton on his appointment as Assistant Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was transferred to Vancouver. This necessitated his relinquishing his office as Registrar. They each gave faithful and valuable service in their honorary and responsible positions of Chancellor and Registrar, which we acknowledge with grateful appreciation.

We are much indebted to Chancellor Bury and Registrar Ford for accepting office as their successors.

REUNION

Reunion is probably the most prevailing consideration in the minds of Christian people at the present time. It was one of the absorbing subjects of the Lambeth Conference last year.

In the immediate future the possibility which confronts Protestant Christianity is such adjustment of divergencies in doctrine or practice, that not intercommunion alone, but reunion; not federation, but even unity; may be attained.

In this diocese where construction is likely to compete with consolidation of Churches for years to come; signifying the active maintenance of missionary expansion in new districts, while pastoral care of new missions, soon to be regarded as old, must be maintained; the avoidance of multiplied agents of different Protestant Churches in the same town or district is much to be desired.

Yet while liberty is essentially characteristic of such unification of efforts, in attaining it, due regard and caution must be exercised as to order, discipline, and a great historic past.

The subject is not limited to the reunion of the Protestant Churches throughout Christendom. Pressed to its real significance it is the consummation of the Church of England and the Churches in communion with her, and the Eastern Orthodox Church, the separated Churches of the East, and others.

Whether they will ultimately become fused into one Church time will show. There is reason to hope for answer to the many prayers which have ascended to God, that the divisions which have separated these Churches may be bridged by a determined endeavour on both sides to come to firm and common ground on which each alike may stand.

This will be realized in acknowledgment of the Supremacy of the Holy Scriptures, in that, "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation", and however slowly other adjustments may follow, they cannot fail ultimately to come in Creed, Sacrament, and mutual recognition of Holy Orders.

When the separated families in the great Kindred of God in the world, frankly recognize the actual obstacles which obstruct intercommunion and reunion, we shall proceed with greater rapidity to adjust the difficult questions of prevailing practice.

The present is a period of historic crisis. Of all other effective exercises that of believing prayer should be used. Our Saviour's Own Petition, "That they all may be One, as Thou Father art in Me and I in Thee" should be pleaded constantly in humble, reverent and repentant spirit.

PRAYER BOOK

The Canadian Book of Common Prayer, which, largely owing to the high cost of production, has not been as widely adopted in the congregations as we anticipated, will come into general use in the process of time. Meanwhile its special services of enrichment are of much help, its revisions are becoming familiar in the ears of the people, and its adaptations are being found very convenient.

PREACHING

A reaction from the effects which followed closely upon war is the re-awakened desire for more knowledge. This is seen rather widely in the probing after intimacy with subjects dimly revealed, such as Spiritualism, Christian Science, Theosophy and other prevalent studies. But the true significance is the desire for real knowledge in many other spheres of learning. "Of making many books there is no end," and in popular literature the freedom of print concerning subjects which used to be regarded as those to be avoided, such as sexual morality, often causes grave concern as to the wisdom of laxity.

Deeper and more enduring than all this is the arousing request for instruction in true knowledge.

The younger clergy will have a great opportunity before them through the coming years for exercising the power of preaching.

The place and influence of the pulpit are by no means abrogated. The living voice, uttering the wisdom of God, the teaching of the Holy Scripture, and the best books available, and made to be the power of God by the promised presence of the Holy Ghost, is given a fresh opportunity for being heard.

Oral learning is a pleasant and convenient method, so naturally human, that capable public speaking on sacred and heavenly matters, from pulpit and platform, is rising again in popular appreciation.

There is no more important sphere in this respect than in the small scattered, ever multiplying missions, of such a diocese as this. The people value preaching. They have little leisure, and perhaps less opportunity, for listening to public speeches or attending instructive lectures. Their occupations in life, and their remoteness from cities and towns with accessible libraries, make the acquirement of habits of study improbable.

Their acceptance of oral teaching is all the keener, and gives to us a favourable opportunity in preaching.

They take their theology very much from what we say. Our teaching becomes their guide in life. They want to know, and from the lips and lives of men who themselves are familiar with the deep things of God. In all this, actions will support words, and the influence of the life of the teacher will be very great.

The full sufficiency of Holy Scripture is the rockbed on which our Church teaching rests. Our charter is the Holy Bible.

All the questions appointed in the Ordering of Priests, after the response as to vocation, refer either directly or by implication, to the Holy Scripture. The authority to preach the Word of God takes priority in the solemn moment of ordination to the Priesthood, and it is the Bible which is then delivered into the hand.

One of the two collects appointed immediately before the pronouncing of the Benediction, petitions that "Thy word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain."

This is all according to experience generally, but when considered locally and especially in application to this diocese, it is increasingly significant.

Let your message therefore come to you in answer to earnest prayer, let it be prepared with zealous care worthy of so great a cause, let it be delivered with all the impressiveness and solemnity the occasion merits. You are uttering a message from the living God to those, who, without it, may remain dead in trespasses and sin.

You are pleading for Christ, you are telling truths of eternal significance.

Your best ability in reading, in thought, in expression, all are called for in this. Eloquence is not without great value, but it can never compensate for any absence of the holy fire burning from off the altar of God.

CONFIRMATION

The divergence in numbers presented for Confirmation in various parts of the Diocese leads me to call the attention of my brethren to the important value of definite teaching concerning this sacred rite. This is of course indispensable in the actual preparation of candidates. But I mean in the ordinary course of your ministry, in preaching, in teaching, and visiting.

Much confusion of mind, resulting in serious doubt, prevails, and the people look to us to be clear in our own convictions, and to make the subject equally so to them.

To oneself, the greatest happiness is found in Confirmations, but it was so in the years of ministry before that solemn call came almost nine years ago to the office of Bishop. It becomes more happy. The meaning and significance of it intensify. The services are so vital and the results in Church life so lasting.

The day has not come yet in this Missionary Diocese for great numbers in any one place, yet a single candidate here, a few there, or a dozen or so elsewhere, these are no less experience of deepest gladness in the undoubted presence and blessing of the Holy Ghost.

GENERAL BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The General Board of Religious Education is an organization comprising five departments in all of which this Diocese may find much assistance.

The maintenance of Sunday Schools in lonely parts where children are few, and their homes widely scattered has been a constant difficulty, impossible hitherto of solution.

It has been no easy thing for the Clergy to keep Sunday Schools organized, and well maintained, even in more favorable districts, owing to the long distances, the different and separated mission centres in which services are held, the lack of suitable buildings, and the finding of teachers. At the Annual Meeting of the G.B.R.E. in Winnipeg, it was suggested that Sunday School by Post should be tried. A grant of \$100 of Sunday School literature was made. It has proved most gratifying in result. Mrs. Little kindly undertook the scheme, and has exercised her best ability. The Clergy responded to the suggestion of sending to her names of boys and girls coming within the scope of the plan.

It constitutes a valuable part of our diocesan organization. Some 250 children representing 107 families are receiving instruction regularly, or as much as the distant places in which they live permit.

INDIAN WORK

Faithful devotion has marked the work maintained in the Indian Missions. Indian Boarding Schools at St. Peter's, Lesser Slave Lake; St. Andrew's, Whitefish Lake; and St. John's, Wabasca, have been diligently kept up.

The boys and girls are lovingly cared for in these homes. They daily receive elementary education, they are fed and clothed, while the missionary purpose of each school and mission is earnestly fulfilled.

The Scripture knowledge of the children is considerable, their understanding and use of prayer and their delight in hymn singing are very real. The recent enlargement of the school at Whitefish Lake is proving a convenience to the staff and children.

After many years' support of the Indian Missions, the Church Missionary Society, which has taken a most important part in the historic development of church life in the Dominion, has relinquished its connection in favour of our own Canadian Missionary Organization.

The C.M.S. grants terminated last year.

Let us remember that it was while the Anniversary Sermon of the Society was being preached in St. Bride's Church, London, by Bishop Anderson of Rupert's Land in 1865, that the Rev. W. C. Bompas, who, nine years later, became the first Bishop of Athabasca, received the call of God to "Come over and help," and each successive Bishop has had intimate connection with the Society.

For all the warmth of love which has marked the C.M.S. support of its work in this diocese, for all the valued prayer, for the devoted lives and faithfulness of the Missionaries the Society sent, for its great liberality in generous gifts, for countless tokens of its spiritual identity with the living Church where once sin reigned unto death, we humbly acknowledge an obligation, the magnitude of which must never be forgotten.

It will be part of our duty in this Synod to consider a scheme submitted by the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada for taking over the Indian Schools.

BENEFICIARY FUNDS

A sum of \$750,000, part of the collections made for the Anglican Forward Movement, is to be added to the Beneficiary Funds of the Church.

At the forthcoming General Synod legislation is to be passed to effect the double object aimed at:

- (a) To provide pensions in Dioceses and Provinces where there is at present no provision for such.
- (b) To augment the pensions in Dioceses and Provinces where now the funds are inadequate so as to equalize, as far as possible, the scale of pensions throughout the whole Canadian Church.

That every clergyman should join the Clergy Superannuation Fund, and the married men, the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund, is of self-evident importance.

ANGLICAN FORWARD MOVEMENT

The Anglican Forward Movement was a courageous effort made by the Church to put her financial resources on a firmer base, to test by definite request and answer the giving power of her members, and boldly to make a real movement forward.

The response has been remarkably successful. The Church has reinforced herself.

The amount assessed for this Diocese was impossibly large, yet I wish we could record a bigger sum than that contributed.

But our enormous Missionary sphere of work here really constitutes a great opportunity for moving ever forward, a process so constantly demanding on exceedingly slender resources, that we humbly acknowledge our impotence to move without constant help.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The Council for Social Service is conducting a far reaching effort in varying ways. It is all of great value. If we are not yet sufficiently developed as a diocese to take more than a modest part in it, we at least receive and contribute gladly our share.

Social Service is being more than ever recognised as part of the necessary work of the Church. It was given a place of much importance in the deliberations of the Lambeth Conference. Indeed, the Conference records its conclusion that, "Other parts of the Church might well follow the example of Canada and the United States of America by forming a Council which should act for the whole Church and watch for special social needs and opportunities."

FINANCE

We acknowledge our deepest gratitude to Almighty God for sending necessary funds with which to defray the increased cost of the upkeep of Missions. The salaries constitute but a slender sufficiency. They have, however, been advanced with the higher cost of living which came during and after the Great War. This has been done without incurring debt.

The M.S.C.C. and the Church Societies in England have assisted to the best of their ability; while personal gifts by friends, the majority of them in England, have made this possible.

With the unforeseen interference of the War and its after effects, we could not construct Churches and other buildings for which gifts were sent, but all such gifts have been carefully safeguarded and will be needed in the near future, as a result of the rapid expansion of missionary opportunity which presents itself.

W. A.

We are very dependent, and cannot be otherwise, during these present years, on the assistance, in many ways, of the women of the Church, and our thankful acknowledgement of much help, particularly in maintaining the Indian schools, is due to the General Board of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Our own diocesan W. A. is becoming strongly established, and a recognised part of each mission in its development.

THE OUTLOOK

We are told to expect the coming of many people to make their homes in this Northland. The Homesteader continues to arrive in large numbers, and the entries filed rapidly increase.

Immigration, it is anticipated, will be more active than ever.

We come within the description of the Lambeth Report which records, "The need of Clergy is urgent in some Colonial Dioceses whose large districts are being rapidly peopled, and the Conference should earnestly appeal to men in Great Britain to volunteer for pioneer work as well as to the men of the Churches in those lands to give themselves to the service of God in their own country." This need of ordained men is our greatest problem. We have the field of service, and the scope for spiritual energy, but we lack the men, adequately prepared, while the Training Colleges have room enough and to spare. The Church must practise her Lord's direction: "He saith unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few;" and again, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest;" "Pray ye . . . the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His Harvest."

I am well aware of the faithfulness demanded of you in visiting your people. The long drives, involving much and frequent absence from home, the diversity of weather and season, hot and cold, wet and dry, call for sincere and determined devotion.

In it you find a happy reward in the welcome extended to you, in the opportunity of reading the scriptures and in prayer, in the holy privileges of conversation, and in the responsive attendance at the public services.

Your experience is in keeping with that of Ezra the Priest who "Brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, and he read therein. . . . from the morning until midday. . . . so they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." Neh. viii., 2, 3, 8.

Your comfort and confidence are in the loving kindness of the Lord. Let us remember that not alone for the society of believers called the Church do we live and work, but for the Holy One for Whom that society stands, even for the ever-living God, in His triune personality of the Father Who hath made us and all the world; the Son, Who hath redeemed us and all mankind; the Holy Ghost, Who sanctifieth us, and all the elect people of God.

1. The Rev. W. Minshaw was appointed Secretary for Sessions of the Synod.
2. It was resolved that the Minutes of the last Synod be taken as read.
3. On the motion of Archdeacon White, seconded by Mr. J. Rennison, the Synod went into Committee of the whole house to consider the Bishop's Charge.
4. Moved by Chancellor Bury, seconded by Canon White and resolved: "That this Synod approve the principle of the transfer to the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C. of the Indian work of the Diocese subject to the terms of such transfer being agreed upon."
5. Moved by Rev. Canon White, seconded by Rev. C. F. Washburn, and resolved: "That the delegates from this Synod to the forthcoming General Synod be instructed to obtain such amendments to the proposed Agreement between the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C. and the Diocesan Authorities of this Synod, respecting the transfer to the Board of the Indian work in the Diocese, as will ensure that all appointments and dismissals of agents, clerical or lay, in that work shall always be made subject to the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese, and that all agents in the said work shall, so long as they are working in the Diocese, work under the authority and control of the Bishop."

The Session closed with prayer.

At 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. J. A. Burness.

Tuesday, 26th July.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a.m. by the Ven. Archdeacon White. The Session was opened with prayer by the Bishop at 9.15 a.m.

6. Moved by Rev. R. Little, seconded by Mr. J. Rennison, and carried: "That there be added to Section 5 of the proposed Agreement for the transfer to the M.S.C.C. of the Indian work, a new sub-section (3a) as follows:—

"That the remuneration of such agent and the upkeep of his work, shall be provided by the Board and the Diocese in the proportions of the work done by him in Indian and White work respectively."

7. Moved by the Rev. R. Little, seconded by Mr. Rennison and carried: "That a clause be inserted in said proposed Agreement, providing for the maintenance by the Board during the currency of the Agreement, of all the lands, premises and buildings belonging to the Diocese and used for or in connection with the Indian work transferred under the Agreement, in good repair and condition, and the delivery up of the same to the Diocese in such repair and condition at the termination of the Agreement, and providing also for the payment of all rates, taxes or assessments charged against or levied upon the said lands, premises, or buildings, or any of them, during the said period. And that the delegates from this Synod to the said General Synod be authorized and directed to procure the said amendment of the said Agreement.

8. Moved by Mr. C. D. White, seconded by Rev. J. A. Burness, and carried: "That a clause be inserted in the said Agreement providing for the determination of the same in respect of this Diocese upon a resolution in that behalf, either of the Synod for the time being of the Diocese or of the Board; such determination to take

effect not later than six months from the date of such resolution, and all properties of the Diocese pertaining to the Indian work and transferred or made over or in the possession of the Board to be as soon as possible thereafter re-transferred to the Synod.

9. Moved by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, and carried: "That in the event of the other Dioceses (or a majority of them) having Indian or Esquimo work to be transferred, approving of the said proposed Agreement as now submitted to this Synod, without some or any of the said amendments, then and in such case the said delegates be authorized and empowered, at the discretion of the Bishop, to abandon such amendments or any of them, and to propose in their own part any further amendments, or to support any amendments proposed by any other diocese, as they may deem necessary or advisable for carrying out the transfer of the said work.

10. Moved by Chancellor Bury, seconded by Canon White, and carried: "That the following portion of the Bishop's Charge expressing his appreciation of the work of the C.M.S. be adopted by the Synod as expressing also the feelings of the Synod and be forwarded to the C.M.S. as a special resolution of appreciative thanks: 'For all the warmth of love which has marked the C.M.S. support of its work in this diocese, for all the valued prayer, for the devoted lives and faithfulness of the missionaries the Society sent, for its great liberality in generous gifts, for countless tokens of its spiritual identity with the living Church where once sin reigned unto death, we humbly acknowledge an obligation, the magnitude of which must never be forgotten'."

11. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Chancellor Bury, and carried: "That this Synod desires to record its recognition of the Lambeth Conference as one of the greatest landmarks in the history of the Christian Church, and to express its joy at the attitude adopted, and the decisions arrived at, by that historic Conference in relation to the Re-Union of the Church, and the desire and prayer of this Synod that such Re-Union may by the Spirit of God soon be realised. And that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury."

An adjournment was made at 1 p.m., the Session being closed with prayer.

The Synod re-assembled at 2.30 p.m. The Bishop opened with prayer.

12. A resolution was passed congratulating the Bishop on his splendid success in his most important mission to England, undertaken at the request of the Primate, on behalf of the C.M.S. Thankoffering Fund; and of thankfulness to Almighty God for his safe return to the diocese.

13, 14 and 15. Resolutions were passed extending the greetings of the Synod, and its appreciation of their work in the diocese, to the Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Baron, Rev. and Mrs. F. V. Abbott and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Atkinson.

16 and 17. Resolutions were passed by the Synod, the members standing in silence, expressing the sympathy of the Synod with the relatives of the late Venerable Malcolm Scott and appreciation of his work in the diocese; and lamenting the death and expressing appreciation of the work of the late Canon F. C. Smith, former Superintendent of Missions on Grande Prairie.

18, 19 and 20. Resolutions were passed expressing appreciation of the services of Mrs. C. D. White at the Indian Schools, at Lesser Slave Lake, and at White Fish Lake; of Mr. C. B. F. Mount, former Chancellor, and of Col. T. Wroughton, former Registrar.

21. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Canon White, and carried: "That this Synod records its agreement with the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer, and looks forward to its completion in a final form and its adoption and general use in the Church."

22, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32 and 34. Resolutions were passed thanking the following organizations or individuals for services in connection with the sessions of the Synod: W.A. of St. Andrew's Church and the ladies of Lake Saskatoon; the church wardens, vestry and congregation of Christ Church, Grande Prairie; Rev. J. A. Burness

and Mrs. Burness of Lake Saskatoon; Major Watts and Mr. Thompson; Mr. Fred Walthew; the ladies and gentlemen who had contributed to the receptions and entertainments of the Synod by supplying or driving motor cars, and by other services, and the congregation of St. Mark's, Appleton.

23. A resolution of hearty thanks to the Hudson's Bay Company for transportation favours extended to the missionaries of the Diocese was passed.

26, 28, 29, 30 and 33. Resolutions of thanks were passed to the following societies for general assistance to the work of the Diocese: The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; the M.S.C.C.; the W.A. of the Church in Canada; the C.C.C.S. and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

35. Moved and carried: "That this Synod welcomes the publication by the General Board of Religious Education of literature for instruction in Sunday Schools, and urges the general use of such publications.

An adjournment was made at 6.00 p.m., the Session being closed with prayer by the Bishop.

Evening Prayer was read at 7.15 p.m. by Ven. Archdeacon White, and an address was given by Rev. W. H. Trickett.

Wednesday, 27th July.

Morning Prayer was read at 7.30 a.m. by the Revs. C. H. Quarterman and W. Minshaw.

The Synod re-assembled at 10 a.m. The Bishop opened with prayer.

Rev. R. Little, Secretary of the Executive Committee, read the report of the Committee since the last Synod, which was received and adopted.

The following elections were made:—

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. Canon White, Rev. R. Little, Mr. R.P. Butler.

AS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD: The Ven. Archdeacon White and Chancellor Bury, and as substitutes for them respectively: Rev. Canon White and Mr. F. Bredin.

DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD:

36 and 37. It was resolved that four delegates of each order be appointed to the Provincial Synod, and that the Bishop be empowered, if in his opinion advisable, to appoint in addition thereto, three or any less number of each order in accordance with Clause V. 4. of the Provincial Synod.

The Synod adjourned at 10.45 a.m., the Bishop closing the Session with prayer.

The delegates assembled in church at 11 a.m. for an Ordination Service, the sermon being preached by Rev. Canon White. The Revs. J. A. Burness, C. F. Washburn, R. Little, and W. H. Trickett assisting in the service. The Bishop ordained Mr. C. D. White to the office of deacon, and announced the appointment of the Rev. R. Little to be Rural Dean of Grande Prairie District and Examining Chaplain, and the appointment of Rev. W. H. Trickett to be Rural Dean of West Peace River Missions and Chaplain to the Bishop.

The Synod re-assembled at 2.30 p.m., the Bishop opening the Session with prayer.

38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44. The following resolutions were passed: Welcoming the Rev. C. D. White on his admission to the diaconate; welcoming the appointments of the Rev. R. Little and the Rev. W. H. Trickett already announced by the Bishop;

extending thanks to the G.W.V.A. of Lake Saskatoon for the loan of various household articles for the use of the Synod; thanking the Missionary Leaves Association for help; thanking the wives of the clergy for their work in the diocese; thanking the Ven. Archdeacon White for the Synod sermon; thanking the Freemasons of Lake Saskatoon for the loan of furniture for the use of the Synod.

The following were elected delegates to the Provincial Synod:

CLERICAL: Revs. W. H. Trickett, C. F. Washburn, C. H. Quarterman and R. Little; with, as substitutes, Revs. Canon White and J. A. Burness.

LAY: Chancellor Bury, Registrar F. Ford, K.C., Mr. M. Levason, Mr. J. Renison: with, as substitutes, Major Watts and Mr. F. Bredin.

45. It was resolved that the clerical delegates appointed to the General Synod act on the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C., the General Board of Religious Education and the Council for Social Service.

46, 47 and 48. Rev. Canon James was appointed clerical substitute and Mr. Evelyn Macrae, lay substitute to the said Boards and Council, and a vote of thanks to them for their past services was carried.

The Ven. Archdeacon White submitted the report of the Standing Committee of Canons and Rules of Order; and the following were elected representatives on the said Committee:

CLERICAL: The Ven. Archdeacon White and Rev. Canon White.

LAY: Mr. Registrar Ford and Mr. F. Bredin.

49. A resolution was passed bringing before members of the Synod the necessity of joining the C.W.O. and the C.S.F.

The Synod adjourned at 5.20 p.m., the Bishop closing the Session with prayer.

51, 52, 53, 54 and 55. The following resolutions were passed:—Recording the gratification of the Synod at the institution and success of the Anglican Forward Movement and the benefits received therefrom; recording the gratitude of the Synod for the strong policy adopted by the Council for Social Service, hoping for the Council still greater usefulness and expressing appreciation of the Council's Bulletin; adopting the accounts of the Diocese as presented by the Bishop, and recording the Synod's appreciation of the able manner in which the Bishop had managed the said accounts; tendering thanks to Mr. Norman Soars as auditor for past years, and appointing him auditor for the accounts for the year then ended; noting the great seriousness of the lack of candidates for Holy Orders and calling the attention of the clergy and members of the Church to the necessity of emphasizing the obligation of the ministry.

56 and 57. The following honorariums were granted with appreciation of services rendered: to Rev. W. Minshaw, as Secretary of the Diocese, \$250.00; to Mrs. Holmes, in recognition of her services and of the memory of the late Rev. Robert Holmes, \$50.00.

58 and 59. The Synod resolved to print and circulate the Bishop's charge, and to adopt and print the Acts of the Synod.

The Session was closed with prayer by the Bishop.

Thursday, 28th July.

Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop at 7.30 a.m., assisted by the Rev. Canon White, at which service the Bishop preached.

The Synod re-assembled at 9.30 a.m., the Session being opened with prayer by the Bishop.

The apportionments of the Assessments for the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada (\$430.00), the Social Service Commission (\$20.00) and the General Board of Religious Education (\$20.00), were agreed upon.

The Synod was closed with prayer and the Bishop gave his blessing.

ACTS OF ELEVENTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

Held at St. Andrew's Mission, Lake Saskatoon, Alberta,
July 25, 26, 27, 28, 1921.

1. The adoption of the Bishop's Charge.
2. The adoption of the draft Agreement for the transfer to the Board of the M.S.C.C. of the Indian work in the Diocese, subject to resolutions modifying the said draft.
3. Resolution empowering delegates to abandon any or all of the said modifying resolutions and to propose any further amendments of their own and to support any other amendments proposed by any other diocese as they might deem advisable.
4. Resolution of appreciation of work of the C.M.S.
5. Resolution regarding Lambeth Statement upon Reunion.
6. Resolution of congratulation to the Bishop upon the success of his work in England on behalf of the C.M.S. Thankoffering Fund.
7. Resolutions of greetings to the Rev. S. B. and Mrs. Baron, the Rev. F. V. and Mrs. Abbott and the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Atkinson.
8. Resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Ven. Archdeacon Scott.
9. Resolution of sympathy with the widow and relatives of the late Rev. Canon F. C. Smith.
10. Resolution of greetings and thanks to Mrs. C. D. White.
11. Resolution of greetings and thanks to C. B. F. Mount, Esq., late Chancellor.
12. Resolution of thanks to Colonel Wroughton, late Registrar.
13. Resolution in regard to the Revised Prayer Book.
14. Resolutions in regard to the publications of the General Board of Religious Education for Sunday Schools.
15. Election of Members of Executive Committee.
16. Election of Delegates to General Synod.
17. Election of Delegates to Provincial Synod.
18. Resolution of congratulation to the Rev. C. D. White upon his Ordination as a Deacon.
19. Resolutions of congratulation to the Rev. R. Little and the Rev. W. H. Trickett upon their appointments as Rural Deans.
20. Resolutions of thanks to the M.S.C.C.; S.P.G.; Colonial and Continental Society; S.P.C.K.; M.L.A.; W.A.; the H.B. Co.; to Mr. Walthew; W.A. of St. Andrew's, Lake Saskatoon; Congregations of Christ Church, Grande Prairie, and of St. Mark's, Appleton; Major Watts; Mr. D. Thompson; the owners of cars put at the service of the delegates; Lake Saskatoon G.W.V.A.; the A.F. and A.M.

of Lake Saskatoon; the wives and clergy of the diocese; and those persons who gave gifts, lent equipment or rendered services in connection with the Synod.

21. Resolution of thanks to Archdeacon White for the Synod Sermon.
22. Resolution electing Delegates to General Synod and the Rev. Canon James and Mr. Evelyn Macrae to be members of the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C.; G.B.R.E.; and Council for Social Service.
23. Report of Standing Committee on Canons and Rules of Order.
24. Election of Standing Committee on Canons and Rules of Order.
25. Resolution as to Clergy joining the C.W.O. and the C.S. Funds.
26. Assessments for M.S.C.C., Social Service and G.B.R.E.
27. Resolution regarding Forward Movement.
28. Resolution regarding work of the Council for Social Service.
29. Adoption of the Financial Report.
30. Resolution of thanks to the Bishop for his able management of the finances of the Diocese.
31. Resolution of thanks to Mr. Norman Soars for his services as Auditor and re-appointing him Auditor.
32. Resolution regarding lack of Candidates for Holy Orders.
33. Resolution of thanks to the Rev. W. Minshaw and honorarium to him or his services.
- f 34. Resolution of thanks to Mrs. R. Holmes and honorarium for her services and in memory of her late husband.
35. Resolutions to be sent to their Lordships the Bishops of Keewatin and Saskatchewan upon their retirement.
36. Resolution of thanks to Mrs. Robins for her services in connection with the Synod and to the Diocese generally.
37. Resolution that the Bishop's Charge and proceedings of the Synod be printed and circulated.

